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**CITY OF SAN DIEGO WEBSITE WINS “SUNNY AWARD”
FOR TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT**

The Sunshine Review has recognized the city of San Diego’s new website as one of the most transparent government websites in America, presenting it with a “Sunny Award.”

Of the more than 6,000 websites reviewed by the open government nonprofit, San Diego’s website ranked in the Top 100, scoring an “A+” in transparency on Sunshine Review’s Transparency Checklist.

“This award recognizes our effort to engage our citizens through electronic media,” said Mayor Sanders. “Our web team redesigned the city’s website last year to modernize the look and to enhance accessibility and usability for our citizens. We’re proud that people have noticed.”

Based in Alexandria, Virginia, Sunshine Review is a nonprofit organization dedicated to state and local government transparency. The Sunshine Review wiki collects and shares transparency information and uses a “10-point Transparency Checklist” to evaluate the content of thousands of state and local government websites. The first focus of Sunshine Review is an awareness-building effort to evaluate the transparency of local government entities, based on whether the websites proactively disclose government data.

“We hope the city of San Diego website will continue to serve as an example of transparency in the future,” said Mike Barnhart, president of Sunshine Review.

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